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SUBJ: SENEGAL REQUESTING OAU TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

MADE BY SEKOU TOURE AGAINST SENGHOR

REF: CONAKRY 1446, ABIDJAN 6509

1. SENEGALESE MINISTRY INFORMATION DECLARATION WITH REGARD TO SEKOU TOURE'S ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT SENGHOR RELEASED FRIDAY PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PAPER ON SATURDAY. DECLARATION CONFIRMS THAT SENGHOR INDEED SENT SENEGALESE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR ARMED FORCES MAGATTE LO TO CONAKRY TO ATTEST TO SENEGALESE GOODWILL. AT THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO GOS, TOURE PROMISED TO SUPPLY DOCUMENTS ABOUT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN SENEGAL DIRECTED AGAINST GUINEA. HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF PRESENTING DOCUMENTS, SEVERAL DAYS LATER TOURE LAUNCHED HIS VERBAL ATTACK AGAINST SENGHOR AND GOS.

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2. DECLARATION MADE BY MINISTER INFO SOW IS SUCCINCT, CLEAR STATEMENT OF VERY RATIONAL SENEGALESE POSITION WITH ONLY ENOUGH VITRIOL TO MAKE EVIDENT SENEGALESE SCORN AND CONDESCENSION TOWARDS TOURE. SENGHOR NO DOUBT DELEGATED JOB OF ISSUING STATEMENT TO SOW TO SHOW THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER GUINEAN CHARGES WORTH RESPONDING TO PERSONALLY.

3. GOS DECLARATION IS MOST EFFECTIVE IN PASSAGE ACCUSING TOURE OF CREATING EXTERNAL ENEMIES IN ORDER TO "CALM HIS INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT PEOPLE" ADDING "AT THE EVE OF EACH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, WHICH HE CANNOT ATTEND FOR REASONS WELL KNOWN TO ALL, HE INVENTS A PLOT TO JUSTIFY HIS ABSENCE". ALSO, IN BRIEF PASSAGE, DECLARATION ACKNOWLEDGES ACCUSATION THAT SENGHOR HAS GIVEN DOLS 150,000 TO GUINEAN OPPOSITION ELEMENTS BUT QUICKLY DISMISSES THE CHARGE AS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

4. SOW ANNOUNCED THAT SENEGAL WOULD NOW BRING THE MATTER TO ATTENTION OF OAU AND REQUEST THAT BODY TO APPOINT AN INTER-AFRICAN COMMISSION "BEFORE WHICH MR SEKOU TOURE SHOULD PRESENT LEGAL PROOF FOR HIS ACCUSATIONS". IN ADDITION, SOW SAID THAT SENEGAL WOULD SOON ISSUE A WHITE BOOK ON ITS RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL.

5. EBBFF DISCUSSED MATTER WITH HEAD AFRICA DIV FONMIN WHO NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER GUINEAN RHETORICAL ATTACKS BUT SAID GOS FEELS IT MUST SET RECORD STRAIGHT IN CALM, DIGNIFIED MANNER. HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER PRESIDENCY HAD YET COMMUNICATED WITH OAU BUT THOUGHT SENGHOR MIGHT SEND A PERSONAL ENVOY TO LAGOS TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH OAU CHAIRMAN GOWON.

6. AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO TALK ONE WAY OR OTHER WITH REGARD TO BREAK IN RELATIONS. WE DOUBT THAT GOS, WHICH HAS LIVED THROUGH MANY PAST TOUREAN TIRADES, IS YET CONTEMPLATING A COMPLETE BREAK IN RELATIONS THOUGH IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERING WITHDRAWAL OF ITS AMBASSADOR.
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